IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the following paragraphs of the specification. Applicant includes herewith an Attachment for Specification Amendments showing a marked up version of each replacement paragraph.

Please amend the title of this application to read:

COMPUTER-IMPLEMENTED PATENT PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS METHOD AND APPARATUS EMPLOYING CLAIM BREADTH AND CATEGORY METRICS

Please amend the Cross-Reference to Related Applications to read:

This application claims priority to U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/119,210, filed February 5, 1999. By this reference, the full disclosure, including the drawings, of U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/119,210 is incorporated herein.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims in accordance with the following rewritten claims in clean form. Applicant includes herewith an Attachment for Claim Amendments showing a marked up version of each amended claim.

1. (amended)A computer-implemented patent portfolio analysis method comprising:

retrieving a corpus of patent information from a database, said information including the claim text of at least one claim;